

Fright Fest continues

LARGO — Six Flags America welcomes one and all — from pint-sized pumpkins to scary skeletons and beyond — to join in Fright Fest 2002.

Six Flags America has been hosting an original, unique and awe-inspiring Halloween-themed event for almost a decade. Guests of all ages will enjoy Six Flags America's truly spooktacular combination of world-class thrills and terrifying chills! Fright Fest 2002 takes place every Friday night, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 3.

What would Halloween be without a truly haunted house? Six Flags America is home to Brutal Planet, a haunted house like no other that uses terrifying high-tech special effects and a unique mix of sci-fi and rock 'n' roll to send visitors into a new dimension of fear.

Other "scary" adventures for strong-willed souls include the Midnight Express Haunted Train, where ghosts and monsters appear out of the darkness as this haunted locomotive passes through the dangerous thickets surrounding Six Flags. Dare to enter Hall Manor House of Horrors, a residence abandoned for decades by everyone but spirits who do not take kindly to intruders. Or check out Wolfbane, a take on the urban legend where an innocent bystander was in the wrong place at the wrong time. By the mysterious powers of the unknown — and the full moon — this unlucky person is transformed into a werewolf!

Guests looking for the ultimate scary experience at Fright Fest 2002 have an array of frightening fare from which to choose at Six Flags. New this year, daring guests are invited to play Fearanoia, a wicked game of ultimate survival. Six Flags will create the supreme Halloween experience where parkgoers can actively participate in this "game" based on the premise of "last man standing." Fearanoia is free to play, but registration is required each night from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Fast Lane booth on Main Street. Several Six Flags "grim reapers," otherwise

known as "bodytaggers," will be searching out — and thus eliminating — Fearanoia-playing guests throughout the night. Beware! Guests never know when they will be tapped by these bodytaggers. The goal is to stay "alive" throughout the night and become eligible to win a 2003 Season Pass! Do you dare play?

Tiny Halloween thrill-seekers will enjoy playing inside a giant inflatable pumpkin affectionately called The Great Big Pumpkin. Or perhaps they'll fancy a whirl in the Not-So-Scary Kiddie Hayride or possibly a walk through the Children's Not-So-Haunted Haunted House — both designed specifically for small ghouls and goblins.

Other family-oriented attractions include the new Fright Lights hayride through a brilliant display of twinkling Halloween-themed lights, as well as the Patient Creatures Theater featuring Carpathian's Ghost Stories by day and Grim's Scary Tales by night. During Fright Fest 2002, the Looney Tunes Theater is home to spooky creatures who tell ghost stories in the daylight. As dusk falls, the tales turn more frightening to match the darkness outside.

Fright Fest 2002 also features seasonally-themed live shows including the Terror in Tombtown stunt show, X-Treme D'Ilusions, an exciting illusion/magic show and The Phenomenal Hypnosis of Puck, featuring a master hypnotist. In the action-packed adventure Terror in Tombtown, guests join the residents of Coyote Creek as they defend themselves against the spirits of dead outlaws. Watch the fun and frights unfold



Little Superman and Batman pose with the Vampire Rabbit.

in this one-of-a-kind Western show full of high falls, practical jokes and possibly a ghost or two!

Call it "magic" or simply call it "unbelievable," but master magician and illusionist Joe Romano is up to his old "tricks" again! See his mesmerizing David Copperfield-like illusions in X-Treme Ullusions at the

Grand Theater. These tricks boggle the mind and are surreal to the naked eye.

Don't believe in magic? How about hypnosis? See for yourself at Six Flags America's brand new show, The Phenomenal Hypnosis of Puck. In this light-hearted, entertaining show, members selected from the audience are hypnotized for fun-

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Mummy takes a ride.



"Pumpkin" and Little Witch and Mom have some fun.

filled laughs by the amazing and highly entertaining master hypnotist, Puck, in the Grand Theater twice nightly.

In addition to the scare-ifying shows and attractions, a costume contest takes place each night at 7:30 p.m. in the park's Crazy Horse Saloon. Judges award prizes for the "Best" costumes in categories for adults and youth (ages 12 and under).

The thrilling rides and awe-some roller coasters for which

Six Flags America is famous will remain open during Fright Fest. Paradise Island and other water attractions will be closed. Park hours are Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m.

Fright Fest 2002 is free with paid park admission. Regular admission is \$35.99 + tax. Children under 54, seniors (ages 55+), and disabled guests pay \$23.99 + tax. Children 3 and under are free.

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